

## REMARKS

Claims 17-32 were pending prior to the current amendment. Claims 1-16 were previously canceled. In the present office Action, claims 17, 19-21, 28, 29 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,908,126 ("Wang"). Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,065,914 ("Chollet") in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,511,560 ("Beckmann").

The present Office Action indicates that claims 22-27, 30 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. *See* Office Action, p. 5.

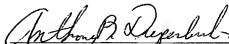
As indicated above, claims 17 and 19 are now canceled. Applicants have amended claim 22 to include all of the limitations of the previous base claim 17 and intervening claim 19. Claims 18, 20-21, 28-29 and 32 have all been amended to depend from the amended independent claim 22.

As mentioned above, the Examiner indicated that certain claims including claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. *See* Office Action, p. 5. In light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, and Applicant's amendment of claim 22 to include all of the limitations of the previous claims 17 and 19, Applicants submit that amended claim 22 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 18, 20-21 and 23-32 depend from claim 22, and thus include all of the limitations of claim 22 rendering these claims patentable also. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may required, or credit any overpayment, to Dechert LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (**Order No. 375591-00121 (353251)**).

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